



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6669***

LCO No. 4818



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from  
3 passage):

4 (a) There is established, within the Office of Governmental  
5 Accountability established under section 1-300, a State Elections  
6 Enforcement Commission to consist of five members, not more than  
7 two of whom shall be members of the same political party and at least  
8 one of whom shall not be affiliated with any political party.

9 (1) Of the members first appointed [hereunder] under this  
10 subsection, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House  
11 of Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from  
12 July 1, 1974; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
13 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July

14 first; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from said  
16 July first; one shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
17 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July  
18 first [,] and one shall be appointed by the Governor, provided [that]  
19 such member shall not be affiliated with any political party, and shall  
20 hold office for a term of five years from said July first, except members  
21 appointed on or after July 1, [2011] 2012. (2) On and after July 1, [2011]  
22 2012, the first member appointed by each office holder described in  
23 this subsection shall be appointed for a term of four years and nine  
24 months from July first of the year of appointment, provided if the first  
25 member appointed by an office holder on or after July 1, 2012, is an  
26 appointment to fill a vacancy, such appointment shall be only for the  
27 unexpired term of the member whom he or she shall succeed, and the  
28 next member appointed by that office holder shall be appointed for a  
29 term of four years and nine months from July first of the year of that  
30 member's appointment. After the initial appointments for full terms  
31 made on or after July 1, 2012, members shall be appointed for terms of  
32 [three] five years from [July] April first in the year of their  
33 appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the same  
34 office as was held by the person making the original appointment,  
35 provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only  
36 for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she shall succeed.  
37 [On and after July 1, 2011, no member may serve consecutive terms,  
38 except that any member serving on said date, may serve until a  
39 successor is appointed and has qualified.] All appointments shall be  
40 made with the consent of the state Senate and House of  
41 Representatives. No person who has served within the previous three  
42 years as a public official, other than as a member of the State Elections  
43 Enforcement Commission, or who has served within the previous  
44 three years as a political party officer, shall be appointed to  
45 membership on the commission. For purposes of this subsection, the  
46 term "public official" means an individual who holds or has held a  
47 state, district or municipal office as defined in section 9-372 but shall

48 not include a justice of the peace or a notary public and the term  
49 "political party officer" means an officer or member of a national  
50 committee of a political party, state central or town committee, or any  
51 person employed by any such committee for compensation. The  
52 commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and  
53 another member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the  
54 commission shall be compensated at the rate of two hundred dollars  
55 per day for any day on which he participates in a regular commission  
56 meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state for his reasonable  
57 expenses, including necessary stenographic and clerical help.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(a)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To make adjustments to the provisions concerning appointment of commission members to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*